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# 5 Profs linked to CIA

## Panel at Princeton aided in secret work

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Princeton — At least five Princeton University professors were among a secret group of high-level consultants to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) during the 1960s and perhaps as far back as the 1950s, according to an article based on the personal papers of former CIA director Allen W. Dulles.

The article, which appeared yesterday in a student newspaper — The Forerunner — said the "Princeton consultants" met with Dulles four times yearly on the Princeton campus from at least 1961 until the early 1970s.

But what the consultants did is not clear, according to graduate student John Cavanagh, the article's author. "Because of the covert nature of their work, little is known of its substance," he said at a press conference here yesterday.

Cavanagh said his research of the Dulles papers, opened to the public in 1978, leads him to speculate that the panel of professors and other foreign affairs experts may have contributed to the preparation of intelligence reports which the CIA later used as background for covert and often illegal operations carried out in Iran and Latin America between 1953 and 1973.

The "Princeton consultants" served as advisers to the CIA's Board of National Estimates which prepared about 50 such intelligence reports for various foreign countries until its dissolution in 1973, when the CIA underwent structural reorganization.

Cavanagh said that whether the Princeton group actually wrote these reports or merely reviewed them is uncertain.

Klaus Knorr, a professor of economics and international affairs at Princeton from 1952 until 1978 and one of the "Princeton consultants," confirmed the group's existence.

"The group was attached to the Board of National Estimates, (which) would ask us if we were asking the right questions about a certain country," Knorr said. "There's nothing sinister about it; it's really just a tempest in a teapot."

Knorr was one of three persons appointed by President Carter in 1979 to prepare an independent review of the CIA.

Others Cavanagh identified as members of the "Princeton consultants" are: Soviet studies professor Cyril E. Black and medieval history professor Joseph R. Strayer, both still on the Princeton faculty; James Billington, who left Princeton in 1973 and now serves as director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and the late T. Cuyler Young. These four and Knorr were all teaching at Princeton when they served as CIA consultants, according to Cavanagh.